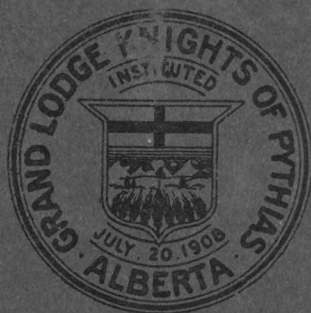


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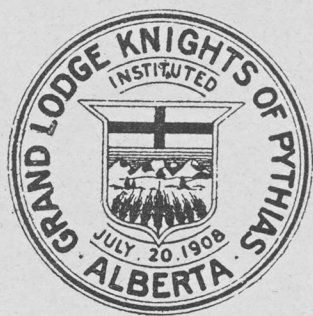
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# GRAND CONSTITUTION and GRAND STATUTES



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# CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

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## Article 1.

### NAME.

This body shall be known as the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Province of Alberta.

## Article 2.

### COMPOSITION AND POWERS

Sec. 1. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of all Past Supreme Chancellors, Past Grand Chancellors, and Past Chancellors in good standing in the Subordinate Lodges of this Grand Domain, together with the Grand Officers and Representatives hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 2. The honor of Past Chancellor shall never be conferred on anyone who has not attained it in accordance with the Supreme Constitution; and every Past Chancellor before being admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge must present a certificate from a Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member according to the form prepared and furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Sec. 3. The Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all lodges of Knights of Pythias within the Province of Alberta, and no lodge can exist within the said Province without its sanction. It possesses the sole right and power to grant charters and to revoke them for proper cause; the power to hear and determine appeals from the action of the Grand Chancellor subject to further appeal to the Supreme Tribunal and the right to enact laws for its government and that of its Subordinate Lodges, provided that they are not in conflict with the Supreme Constitution or Supreme Statutes.

Sec. 4. The Grand Lodge shall have a Seal which shall be in the custody of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and which shall be affixed by him to all official documents. The design of the said Seal shall be as follows: A circle around the outer circumference in which shall appear the words, "Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Alberta." Within this vignette is the Provincial Coat of Arms, and below the same the words "Instituted July 20th, 1908."

## Article 3.

### REPRESENTATIVES.

Sec. 1. Each Subordinate Lodge in the Grand Domain shall be entitled to one Representative in the Grand Lodge for the first fifty members or fraction thereof, another Representative for each one hundred members in excess of the first fifty members, and one Representative for each complete hundred in excess of the first hundred and fifty members, provided that no lodge shall be entitled to more than five Representatives.

Representatives shall be elected at the first meeting in January, and

shall be elected to hold office for a term of years equal to the number of Representatives to which each lodge is entitled.

Sec. 2. Each Subordinate Lodge may elect an alternative for each Grand Representative elected, who shall possess all the qualifications required for a Grand Representative.

Sec. 3. Each Representative must be at the time of his election or appointment, a Past Chancellor in good standing in the lodge which he is chosen to represent.

Sec. 4. Should a vacancy in the position of Representatives occur, by the reason of suspension, expulsion, withdrawal or resignation of the incumbent, the lodge at its next regular convention thereafter shall elect a Representative to fill the vacancy; provided that if such vacancy occurs after the last regular convention of the lodge, preceding the date of the Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, or if such last regular convention of the lodge be held within three days of the date of the Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint a Representative.

Sec. 5. Upon the election of Representatives for the Grand Lodge by a Subordinate Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of that lodge to forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a Representative's Credentials, the form for which shall have been previously furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Sec. 6. Each Representative shall be required during all the sessions of the Grand Lodge to wear on the left lapel of his coat a Grand Representative Jewel as prescribed by the Supreme Lodge and no Representative shall be permitted to enter or remain in the lodge room while the Grand Lodge is in session unless so wearing such a jewel.

#### Article 4.

Sec. 1. The regular Convention of the Grand Lodge shall be opened at 9 am. on the fourth Tuesday in July of said year, in the City of Calgary, provided no other place has been decided upon at last preceding session of the Grand Lodge, provided that if any calamity occur, or should a special Convention be deemed necessary, the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Vice Chancellor, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, may by unanimous choice make such change or call such Convention, provided that two weeks notice thereof be given to all members of Grand Lodge, and in the event of the said officers being absent from the Grand Domain or unable to act, the three shall be made up by the inclusion of the officer or officers next in rank.

Sec. 2. At each Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, the following Order of Business shall be observed:

- 1—Opening of Grand Lodge.
- 2—Calling of the Roll.
- 3—Reading of the Records.
- 4—Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 5—Conferring Grand Lodge Ranks.
- 6—Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 7—Reports of Grand Officers.

- 8—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 9—Reports of Special Committees.
- 10—Unfinished Business.
- 11—New Business.
- 12—Installation of Officers.
- 13—Closing of Grand Lodge.

With the exception of items 1, 4, 6, 7, 12 and 13, the above order of business shall be observed at each daily session, but the order of business may at any time be suspended by unanimous consent. The exemplification of the secret work shall be given immediately after Roll Call on the afternoon of the first day, and the election of Grand Officers shall take place on the morning of the second day. Election of Supreme Representatives shall occur after the Installation of Officers, and shall be conducted in the same manner and under the same restrictions as are prescribed for the election of Grand Lodge officers.

Sec. 3. Privileges of the floor shall be confined to Past Supreme Chancellors, Past Grand Chancellors, Officers and Representatives, except that a Past Chancellor who is not an officer or representative shall be permitted to address the Grand Lodge, unless objection be taken thereto, in which case such objection must be sustained by a two-third vote of those present entitled to vote.

Sec. 4. Matters of parliamentary law not specifically provided for shall be decided according to Bourinot's Parliamentary Procedure.

Sec. 5. All documents the nature of which is such as to require reference to a committee, shall be presented in duplicate.

Sec. 6. Officers and Past Grand Chancellors shall be entitled to Three Dollars per diem for actual time lost in going to, attending, and returning from the Grand Lodge, and the actual cost of transportation by the nearest practical route. Officers or Deputy Grand Chancellors attending at any place away from their place of residence under instructions from the Grand Chancellor, shall be compensated at the same rate. Grand Representatives attending the Grand Lodge Convention shall be entitled to the same remuneration as officers, but such portion of their expenses shall be borne by their respective lodges, as the Grand Lodge may at its preceding Convention, by resolution, decide.

Sec. 7. During all sessions of every convention of the Grand Lodge, each Past Supreme Chancellor and Past Grand Chancellor shall wear the jewel appertaining to his position, and each Grand Representative a Grand Representative's jewel bearing the number of the lodge represented by him. The wearing of the jewel by any other member is optional with such member.

#### Article 5.

#### QUORUM AND VOTING.

Sec. 1. Representatives of one-third of the Subordinate Lodges in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special convention of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. Voting in all cases shall be confined to Past Grand Chancellors, Grand Officers and Representatives from the Subordinate Lodges present, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote. On the demand of any five members of the Grand Lodge, the Ayes and Nays on any question about to be voted on shall be recorded in the journal.

Sec. 3. A majority of votes of those present and entitled to vote shall decide all questions except where otherwise provided.

#### Article 6.

##### GRAND OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be as prescribed by the Supreme Constitution.

Sec. 2. The Grand Officers shall be elected annually by ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice, and the officers elected shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been installed.

Sec. 3. Should a Grand Officer elect be absent at the time of installation, unless excused by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Lodge shall fill the vacancy by the election of someone who is present. This provision shall not apply to a Grand Officer who has been re-elected, providing his bonds for the ensuing year shall have been approved by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 4. The Grand Chancellor shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, enforce order and decorum, decide all questions of order without debate, subject to appeal to the Grand Lodge; appoint Grand Officers, pro tem., in case of the absence or disqualification of any Grand Officer; appoint Deputy Grand Chancellors; appoint all committees, unless the Grand Lodge shall otherwise order; sign all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer, and all other documents which require his signature to authenticate them; have custody of the bonds of bonded officers, and exercise a general supervision over the Order in this Grand Domain. He shall have power to hear and determine all appeals of Subordinate Lodges, or members, from the action of the Deputy Grand Chancellor, subject to further appeal to the Grand Lodge; to grant warrants for the institution of Subordinate Lodges, and dispensations for the purposes hereinafter prescribed; to suspend the warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge, for a good cause shown; and to restore a warrant or charter which has been suspended or surrendered. He shall have power to permit the removal of the location of a Subordinate Lodge at any time when the Grand Lodge is not in session, on a written petition being presented to him setting forth the location of the lodge, the proposed change, and the reason therefor, which petition must be signed by at least two-thirds of the members of the lodge desiring a change of location; provided that if the proposed new location be within five miles of another lodge, the consent of said lodge shall be first obtained. He shall keep a record of his official acts, and at the close of his term of office he shall present to the Grand Lodge a printed report of the general condition of the Order in the Grand Domain. The necessary travelling expenses of the Grand Chancellor and of his special Deputies while engaged in the discharge of their official duties, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. The Grand Vice Chancellor shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge from which the Grand Chancellor is absent. In case of resignation, removal or death of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Vice Chancellor shall act as Grand Chancellor until the succeeding annual convention of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 6. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall have charge of the Archives, Seal, Charter, Books, Papers, and other property of the Grand Lodge, keep an accurate record of the transactions of each convention, cause the same to be printed, and transmit five copies to each lodge and one to each Grand Officer and Representative; conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; attest all official documents emanating from the Grand Lodge; notify the Subordinate Lodges of all conventions of the Grand Lodge; prepare all warrants and charters for Subordinate Lodges; keep a registry of the same; keep a roster of the Past Chancellors entitled to admission to the Grand Lodge; keep a record of all rejections, suspensions for cause, and expulsions of which he may be notified by the Subordinate Lodges, and furnish quarterly a certified list thereof to all lodges. He shall receive all money due the Grand Lodge and pay the same monthly to the Grand Master of Exchequer, taking his receipt therefor; keep an account of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge; keep the accounts of the Subordinate Lodges with the Grand Lodge, and draw all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer. He shall provide himself at the expense of the Grand Lodge with such books and stationery as are necessary to the proper discharge of his duties. At the expiration of his official term, he shall present to the Grand Lodge a printed report showing the general condition of the Order in the Grand Domain, as well as the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges. He shall give a bond of some company approved by the Grand Chancellor in the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and the Grand Lodge shall pay premium on such bond. He shall receive as compensation for his services and for office rent and for clerical assistance such sum as the Grand Lodge at each annual convention shall fix, in the Grand Lodge Year, such compensation to be fixed before the election of officers. He shall when the property of a Subordinate Lodge is seized for debt, take such steps, legal if need be, as are necessary to recover and hold whatever property there may be which by laws of the order revert to the order upon a Subordinate Lodge becoming defunct, the expense incident to such action to be borne by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 7. The Grand Master of Exchequer shall have charge of the funds of Grand Lodge, receiving the same from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and giving his receipt therefor, pay such orders as may be drawn by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and approved by the Grand Chancellor, keeping an accurate account of his receipts and disbursements. At the end of his official term he shall present to the Grand Lodge a printed report showing the dates and sources of all receipts and the dates and purposes of all expenditures. He shall give a bond of some company approved by the Grand Chancellor in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. He shall receive as compensation for his services such sum as the Grand Lodge at each annual convention shall affix for the ensuing Grand Lodge year, such



compensation to be fixed before the election of officers. Premium on bond for the Grand Master of Exchequer shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 8. The Grand Prelate, the Grand Master at Arms, the Grand Inner Guard and the Grand Outer Guard shall perform the duties which are required of them respectively by the Grand Lodge Ritual.

Sec. 9. Should a vacancy occur in any of the offices of the Grand Lodge except that of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Chancellor after consulting the Executive Officers shall appoint a member of the Grand Lodge to discharge the duties of such office until the ensuing Annual Convention.

Sec. 10. The Grand Officer who withdraws his membership from a Subordinate Lodge, or is a member of a lodge whose charter is revoked or surrendered, thereby forfeits the rights appertaining to his office. The Grand Lodge Officer who transfers his membership card is not thereby deprived of the rights appertaining to his office, unless such membership card shall be deposited with a Subordinate Lodge outside the Grand Domain.

Sec. 11. Charges against an officer of the Grand Lodge shall be investigated and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Supreme Statutes. Refer to Part 3, Chapter 1, Page 91, S. S.

#### Article 7.

Sec. 1. At or before the beginning of each annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall appoint the following committees to consist of not less than three members each to serve during the convention.

- A Committee on Credentials.
- A Committee on Reports of Subordinate Lodges.
- A Committee on Finance.
- A Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.
- A Committee on Charters.
- A Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
- A Committee on the State of the Order.
- A Committee on Law.
- A Committee on Necrology.

Sec. 2. The Committee on Credentials and on Appeals and Grievances shall convene at the place of holding the Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge on the day previous to the assembling thereof at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to present at or before said hour to the chairman of the Committee on Credentials the Certificates of Past Chancellors and Representatives on file in his office, and to the chairman of Appeals and Grievances all matters in his hands to be laid before the Committee.

#### Article 8.

##### SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES:

Sec. 1. The Supreme Representatives shall attend all conventions of the Supreme Lodge and faithfully represent the interests of the Grand Domain therein.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Junior Supreme Representative as soon as practicable after the close of the convention of the Supreme Lodge, to prepare a report thereof and obtain the signature of his colleague thereto, after which the same shall be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; whereupon that officer shall cause same to be printed and transmit to each Subordinate Lodge a sufficient number of copies to supply one to every ten members.

Sec. 3. The Supreme Representatives are authority on questions appertaining to the secret work in this Grand Domain.

#### Article 9.

##### DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Sec. 1. As soon as possible after the installation the Grand Chancellor shall appoint a Deputy Grand Chancellor for each active Subordinate Lodge, and District Deputy Grand Chancellors over such Districts as he may deem advisable.

Sec. 2. Deputy Grand Chancellors must be Past Chancellors in good standing in their respective Subordinate Lodges, and they shall be appointed whenever possible from those who have received the Grand Lodge Rank. They shall serve during the term of the Grand Chancellor by whom they were appointed, and commissioned, unless they shall be sooner removed by the Grand Chancellor.

#### Article 10.

##### DISPENSATIONS.

Sec. 1. Dispensations are required as follows: For the lodge to ballot on the petition of a maimed person, to hold its convention less frequently than twice a month, to confer two or more ranks on a candidate at the same convention, or for holding entertainments of any kind to which persons not being members of the lodge are to be admitted, but no fee shall be chargeable for such dispensations.

Sec. 2. A dispensation for a lodge to ballot on the application of a maimed person for the Ranks of Knighthood or for a lodge to hold conventions less frequently than twice a month can be granted only by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor; any other dispensations mentioned in this constitution may be granted by a Deputy Grand Chancellor.

Sec. 3. All dispensations shall expire with the term of the officers granting them.

#### Article 11.

Sec. 1. The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived from per capita, registration tax, fees for dispensations and warrants, fines and sale of supplies.

Sec. 2. At the end of each semi-annual term, each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge such per capita tax on each member on its roster, and such tax for registration of each member taken in during the six months preceding, as may have been fixed by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Convention, per capita payable on the 30th day of June to be computed on the number shown on the report of each lodge for the term ending on the previous 31st day of December, provided that such per capita tax shall not be collected from the lodges instituted within one month of the end of the term.

Sec. 3. The fee for a warrant to institute a new lodge shall be fifty dollars; all supplies furnished for the institution or reorganization of new lodge to be paid for, in addition, at regular prices.

Sec. 4. The price of supplies furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to Subordinate Ldges shall be 15 per cent. over the actual cost of supplies to him; a price list shall be forwarded from time to time as the case may warrant to each Subordinate Lodge, who on ordering supplies shall forward the amount necessary with such order.

#### Article 12.

#### REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Sec. 1. At the end of each semi-annual term each Subordinate Lodge shall forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal on the forms furnished by that officer a report of its membership and finances.

Sec. 2. A lodge from which a correct report and the proper amount of Grand Lodge dues have not been received by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal within one calendar month after the end of the term, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall immediately notify the lodge through its Deputy Grand Chancellor of the delinquency, and if after the lapse of two weeks, the report and Grand Lodge dues shall not have been received, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall dispatch a special messenger from the nearest practical point, whose duty it shall be to secure the reports and Grand Lodge dues and forward them to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. The amount of expense incurred by reason of delinquency shall be charged to the account of the delinquent lodge, unless it be remitted by a three-fourths vote at the next convention of the Grand Lodge, and unless paid in full together with amount of Grand Lodge dues in arrear within sixty days after the close of said convention, the charter of the lodge shall be forfeited.

#### Article 13.

#### NEW LODGES.

Sec. 1. A petition for a warrant to institute a new lodge must be signed by at least twenty-five persons eligible for membership according to the Supreme Law, each one of whom must be a believer in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the Government in which he lives; and an actual resident of the Province of Alberta during the six months last past. If a lodge already exists within five miles of the location of the proposed new lodge computed by the shortest practical route of travel, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall submit to each lodge within the limit specified above a certified list of the applicants and the written consent of the majority of all such lodges shall be an essential prerequisite to the consideration by the Grand Chancellor of the application for warrant. Every application for warrant to institute a new lodge must be accompanied by membership cards of all members of the Order who sign it.

Sec. 2. A petition accompanied by the requisite fee and certificate from the person who has charge of the organization of the lodge to the effect that he has collected from each of the applicants at least one-third of the required fee for the Ranks of Knighthood must be forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who will note on it the date of

its reception at his office and transmit it to the Grand Chancellor. The latter will endorse on it his approval or disapproval, and return it to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, accompanying it, if approved, with the name of the Past Chancellor to be commissioned as the instituting officer. The number of the new lodge will be designated by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Sec. 3. In the institution of a new lodge the instituting officer will be governed by the directions prescribed by the Supreme Statutes. He shall in no case permit any addition to the list of applicants as approved by the Grand Chancellor. He shall have power to erase the names of objectionable applicants from the petition.

Sec. 4. Each new lodge when instituted may designate four members of the rank of Knight, on whom the Grand Lodge Rank shall be conferred by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. Lodges shall submit their proposed by-laws within ninety days after their institution. In case of failure on the part of the lodge to submit their by-laws, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall immediately notify the Grand Chancellor, who will thereupon proceed with the provisions of Section 2 of Article 14 of this constitution.

#### Article 14.

##### DELINQUENT AND DEFUNCT LODGES.

Sec. 1. The warrant or charter of a lodge may be suspended or revoked for improper conduct, for neglecting or refusing to conform to the constitution, laws, or enactments of the Supreme Lodge or the Grand Lodge, for neglecting to pay its dues to the Grand Lodge, or (excepting in the case of epidemic or war) for failing for sixty days to hold a convention.

Sec. 2. Whenever the Grand Chancellor shall have been informed of the infraction of any of the provisions of the preceding sections, he shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal immediately to notify the lodge charged therein to show cause, within thirty days, why its warrant or charter should not be suspended. If the lodge neglect or refuse to answer within the time specified, or if its answer be not satisfactory to the Grand Chancellor, he may, after a full investigation of all the facts of the case, declare the warrant or charter suspended.

Sec. 3. Whenever the membership of a lodge so diminishes that less than ten members remain, it shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Chancellor, or, if there be none, of the senior officer immediately to notify the Grand Chancellor of the fact, whereupon that officer shall at once declare the warrant or charter of the lodge suspended.

Sec. 4. Whenever the warrant or charter of a lodge is suspended, the Grand Chancellor shall cause the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal immediately to notify all the lodges in the Grand Domain. The Grand Chancellor shall report the fact of such suspension to the Grand Lodge at its next convention, and the Grand Lodge shall thereupon terminate the suspension or continue it for a definite period, or revoke the warrant or charter as may be decided.

Sec. 5. A lodge may voluntarily surrender its warrant or charter, but no proposition for such surrender shall be considered until it shall have been entered upon the records of the lodge and two weeks written

notice thereof given to every member of the lodge; nor shall the surrender be valid if when the proposition is voted on, seven negative votes be cast.

Sec. 6. When the warrant or charter of the lodge is surrendered or revoked, it shall be the duty of the last Chancellor Commander (or if there be none, of the senior officer), to deliver to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on demand, the warrant or charter, books, jewels, paraphernalia, funds, and all property and effects of the lodge; and any officer or member having possession of any part of the said property or effects who refuses to surrender the same on demand as above shall be forever excluded from membership in the Order. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall not issue a Membership Card to any member of the defunct lodge until such member has expressed his consent to the surrender of all property and effects, and has satisfied the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that he has made diligent effort to effect such surrender.

Sec. 7. On taking possession of the property and effects of the defunct lodge, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall make an inventory thereof, giving each article a fair valuation, its condition being considered, and the aggregate valuation shall be credited to the account of the lodge, to be repaid in case warrant or charter is restored within two years. At the expiration of that time, if the warrant or charter has not been restored, the lodge shall forfeit all claims for compensations, or any part of its effects.

Sec. 8. Ten or more members of a defunct lodge, who have not since become members of another lodge, may petition at any time the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor for a restoration of the warrant or charter. If the petition be granted, former members of the lodge not included among the applicants shall be restored to membership only on application to the lodge and election as in case of members suspended for non-payment of dues.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, to issue a Membership Card to any member of the defunct lodge who may make application therefor, on being satisfied of the identity of the applicant, and his compliance with the Supreme Statutes concerning the Membership Card. On the presentation of an affidavit that such card has been lost or destroyed, a duplicate may be issued.

Sec. 10. Members of a lodge which, having once been defunct, has reclaimed its charter, cannot obtain Membership Cards from the Grand Lodge. They must apply to the lodge of which they were members for reinstatement.

#### Article 15.

#### CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

Sec. 1. One or more Subordinate Lodges within this Grand Domain may be consolidated with another lodge, under the charter of either of them, or under a new charter; provided, that no Subordinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another except by formal vote of such lodges after at least two weeks written notices of the proposed action shall have been given to every member of all the lodges concerned. Provided also that no Subordinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another if, at the con-



vention at which the vote is taken, twenty or less of the members being present, seven of them shall vote against such consolidation; or if over twenty members are present, one-third of the votes cast be against such consolidation; and provided further, that all members of lodges consolidated, and all persons holding Membership Cards, Transfer or unrevoked Withdrawal Cards heretofore issued thereby, or heretofore suspended by such lodges, shall hold the same relation to the consolidated lodge, as they held to their respective lodges at the time of this consolidation.

Sec. 2. All lodges concerned in the proposed consolidation shall, after having complied with all the requirements of Section 1, separately certify their action to the Grand Chancellor, together with a statement of their reasons therefor. If the Grand Chancellor approves such consolidation, or if he fails or refuses to approve, and if it shall be approved by the Grand Lodge at their next Annual Convention, he shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of such approval. Thereupon it shall be the duty of the lodge or lodges to be consolidated to forward immediately to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal their respective charters, rituals, and installation books, together with the fee of five dollars for each lodge. Upon notification from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that he has received such property and fees, the Grand Chancellor shall issue and transmit to the lodge with which it is proposed to consolidate the other lodge or lodges, a dispensation permitting the consolidation.

#### Article 16.

Sec. 1. A Board of Trust for the care of funds to be secured for an institution within the Province of Alberta to be known as the Pythian Home, with the object of caring for widows and orphans of members of this Order who at the time of their decease held membership in this Domain, and for the temporary care of sick and unfortunate members of this Domain, and funds contributed for their relief, shall be constituted as follows: The Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer ex officio, and five members to be elected by the Grand Lodge, one of whom shall be elected annually at the regular convention of the Grand Lodge, who shall hold office for five years from the date of his election.

Sec. 2. The Board shall meet annually on the day preceding the Convention of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 3. The Board shall elect its own Chairman and Secretary; the Grand Master of Exchequer shall be Treasurer.

Sec. 4. Said Board shall have power to receive and invest funds contributed for the purpose of the trust.

Sec. 5. They shall be empowered to investigate and report to the Grand Lodge any proposition looking to the establishment of a permanent home.

Sec. 6. They shall have power to expend such sums as may be annually appropriated to them by the Grand Lodge and the interest derived from the investment of the permanent fund. They shall have no power to expend any of the principal of the permanent fund, nor create any debt as a Board or in the name of the Grand Lodge. Whatever remains of an annual appropriation shall be added to a permanent fund.

Sec. 7. They shall be authorized to solicit donations for the permanent fund and employ, if advisable, an agent or agents for this purpose.

Sec. 8. If it shall at any time become necessary, the Board may incorporate under the laws of the Province of Alberta.

Sec. 9. An Annual Report of the Board shall be submitted to each regular convention of the Grand Lodge.

#### Article 17.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Sec. 1. Proposed amendments to the constitution must be in writing, signed by at least five members of the Grand Lodge, and shall be offered only at the annual convention. They shall specify the Article, and Section of the Constitution. They shall be entered in full on the records and lay over until the succeeding annual convention; provided, that such proposed amendments, may, by unanimous consent, be acted upon at the convention at which they are offered. No amendment shall be valid until it shall have received a vote of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote. It shall be the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on the first day of each annual convention, to supply the Committee on Law with a copy of all proposed amendments, laying over from the previous annual convention; and said committee shall report thereon within twenty-four hours thereafter. The Grand Lodge may at any time recall a proposed amendment from the committee, and act upon it immediately.

Sec. 2. Any of the provisions of this constitution may be temporarily suspended at any annual convention of the Grand Lodge, by the unanimous consent of those present, and entitled to vote, unless the effect of such suspension would be to contravene an enactment of an enactment.

Sec. 3. This Constitution shall go into effect immediately on its approval by the Supreme Chancellor; and thereafter the Constitution and Laws as in effect January 10th, 1910, shall cease to be of effect in this Grand Domain.

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## GRAND STATUTES

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### Enacting Clause

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Alberta:—

Sec. 1. That the following code of Statutes shall constitute and be known as the Grand Statutes of the order of Knights of Pythias, Domain of Alberta, and it shall be designated and cited by words "Grand Statutes" adding the number of title, chapter and section when necessary, and as such are hereby adopted and shall become the law of the Order in this Grand Domain, to take effect from and after the adoption of this enacting clause; and all laws heretofore existing are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. When a period of time prescribed in any law repealed, for acquiring a right of barring a remedy, or for any other purpose, has begun to run, and the same or similar limitation is prescribed in the Grand Statutes, the time of limitation shall continue to run and shall have the like effect as if the whole period had begun and ended under the operation of the Grand Statutes.

Sec. 3. An official copy of the Grand Statutes shall be deposited and kept in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which copy shall be authentic record of such law.

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## Title 1—The Grand Lodge

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### Chapter 1.

#### TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. The Committee on Judiciary shall consider and report upon all proposed amendments to the Constitution or Statutes, and such portions of the reports of officers of the Grand Lodge, as may be referred to it and recommend such legislation as may be expedient in connection therewith.

Sec. 2. The Committee on Finance at least twice in every year shall cause the books and accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Grand Master of Exchequer, and all other Officers, Trustees, Boards or Committees who may be entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of the funds and authority of this Grand Lodge, to be examined and audited. After each of the examinations herein provided for, the Committee shall make a full report of the result of such examination to the Grand Chancellor together with such recommendations as in its judgment may be necessary or desirable. Copies of all reports so made shall be presented by the Grand Chancellor in his Annual Report to the Grand Lodge. It shall examine and report upon all resolutions, proposed Statutes or Amendments which involve any expenditure of money from the

Exchequer of the Grand Lodge. It shall also report estimates for all expenditures of money from the Exchequer of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing annual term, and bring in a budget therefor at each Annual Convention. In addition to the report herein named, the committee shall make an annual report to the Grand Lodge of all examinations made by it during the year.

Sec. 3. The Committee on the State of the Order shall examine and report upon such portions of the reports of the Grand Officers and such other matters as may be referred to it, and shall accompany its reports by such recommendations relating thereto as it may deem necessary or desirable.

Sec. 4. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall make a report concerning all matters placed in their hands at each Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge as early as possible after the convention shall have been called to order.

Sec. 5. The Committee on Credentials shall examine and report on the Certificates of Past Chancellors and Grand Representatives and shall examine the reports of the Grand Chancellor, on the election of Grand Officers and Supreme Representatives, and act upon any matter which may be referred to them.

Sec. 6. The Committee on Charters shall have charge of the petitions for charters for lodges, and report upon such portions of the reports of the Grand Officers as may be referred to it, examine the report as to all warrants for lodges issued by the Grand Chancellor during the recess, and on the expediency of granting any application for a charter.

Sec. 7. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall compute the mileage and per diem of those entitled thereto at such convention, make out a proper, complete and accurate report of the same showing the amount which each one on the roll is entitled to. No order shall be drawn for same until such report is adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall submit to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a report setting forth the number of days in attendance at the Convention of the Grand Lodge, the actual cost of transportation by the nearest practical route, and per diem. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal upon the last day of the Convention shall issue a warrant on the Grand Master of Exchequer for the amount due. Should a member absent himself before the close of the Convention, he shall be paid per diem for the actual time in attendance. The chairman of the committee may if the committee concur, call to his assistance a competent accountant who shall be a member of the Order in good standing to make out and prepare such report.

Sec. 8. The Committee on Reports of Subordinate Lodges shall be furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal with the copies of all reports submitted by the Subordinate Lodges during the past year, or a synopsis thereof containing matter for their consideration, together with all reports of Deputy Grand Chancellors or portion thereof, dealing with conditions existing in, and the position financially or otherwise of any Subordinate Lodge.

Sec. 9. The Committee on Necrology shall obtain the names and number of such members of this Grand Lodge who may have died during the year and report the same with appropriate "In Memoriam" resolutions.

Sec. 10. The Grand Chancellor when so requested by the Grand Lodge shall appoint special committees whose duties shall relate to the subject matter for which they are created.

Sec. 11. Any Committee of the Grand Lodge shall hold such meetings between sessions of the Grand Lodge, as the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor may direct, and not otherwise.

Sec. 12. Whenever any Committee, standing or otherwise, shall meet between sessions, the members attending such meetings shall be paid the same mileage and per diem as is paid the representatives of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 13. The standing committees of the Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and empowered to send for persons and demand papers, which may be required for the performance of their duties. Any member of the Order refusing to attend or produce papers under this section shall be deemed guilty of contempt and be subject to Pythian discipline, but special committees shall only have such power when specifically authorized by the Grand Lodge. The persons called upon shall be paid the same remuneration as representatives to Grand Lodge.

Sec. 14. Every report of a committee shall be made in writing, and in duplicate, addressed to the Grand Lodge by its appropriate title, and signed by the majority of the members, provided the minority or individual members of any committee shall be entitled to make reports in the same manner.

## Chapter 2.

### DEFINING THE DUTIES OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS

Sec. 15. The Deputy Grand Chancellor commissioned as such for any lodge is the representative of the Grand Chancellor therein. He possesses only such powers as assigned to him under the provisions of the Supreme Statutes, and the Constitution and Statutes of this Grand Lodge.

Sec. 16. He shall see that the work of the Order in his Lodge or District is performed properly and uniformly, and that no innovations shall occur in the ritualistic work comprising the several ranks of Knighthood, and that the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of this Grand Lodge are maintained and conformed to, install the officers elected by the lodge or lodges for which he is commissioned, and grant all dispensations authorized by law, other than for the conferring the ranks upon a maimed person. It shall be his duty to receive from the Keeper of Records and Seal and forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal within one week after the installation of officers, the semi-annual report and Grand Lodge dues; and to perform such special duties as may be required of him by the Grand Chancellor. He shall officially visit the lodge at the second convention after the installation of officers, at which time the Representatives shall give an exemplification of the secret work.

Sec. 17. The Deputy Grand Chancellor shall give official decision only on such matters as are referred to him by the vote of the lodge. He shall at once forward to the Grand Chancellor a full report of such decision



made by him. Such decision shall be entered in full on the records of the lodge, and shall be conclusive until acted upon by the Grand Chancellor on appeal.

Sec. 18. No question appertaining to the construction of law shall be submitted to the Grand Chancellor until it has been referred to the Deputy Grand Chancellor and his decision obtained.

Sec. 19. Should the lodge propose an act which the Deputy Grand Chancellor considers illegal, he shall file a written protest, giving the reasons for his opinions. The protest shall be entered in full on the records, and a certified copy forwarded immediately by the Keeper of Records and Seal to the Grand Chancellor, and final action in the matter shall be held in abeyance until the decision of that official shall have been received.

Sec. 20. He shall at alltimes co-operate with the Grand Chancellor, and make reports to him of gains and losses of membership, and other matters of interest to the lodges under him, and to the order, for the quarters ending March 31st and September 30th of each year.

Sec. 21. He shall be accountable to the Grand Chancellor for the manner in which his duties may be discharged.

Sec. 22. District Deputies are appointed by the Grand Chancellor for the purpose of having a general supervision of the several lodges for which they are appointed, and shall be deemed the representative of the Grand Chancellor in that District. All differences between the several lodges in the District shall be referred to him for settlement.

Sec. 23. No power or duty delegated or assigned to a Deputy Grand Chancellor can be assigned or delegated by him to any other person whomsoever, excepting that such deputy may appoint another Past Chancellor to instal the officers of the lodge whom it is his official duty to instal.

Sec. 24. Every Deputy Grand Chancellor or Past Chancellor installing the officers of any lodge shall require each officer-elect before he is installed to pledge himself in open lodge to memorize his portion of the ritual within six weeks thereafter, and if this pledge be not fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Deputy Grand Chancellor, the lodge, at his request may without notice to such delinquent officer declare the office vacant, and proceed immediately to fill such office by election.

Sec. 25. Whenever any Deputy Grand Chancellor or any Grand Lodge Officer is called upon by any lodge to pay official visits thereto, or to attend any of its meetings for any special purpose, his expenses for attending and returning from such meeting shall be borne by the lodge so calling, which expenses shall be computed on the same basis as those representatives attending a convention of the Grand Lodge. The District Deputy shall make a general inquiry into the conditions of each lodge in his district, its mode and manner of conducting its business, and wherever practicable without incurring expense, shall visit those lodges for the inspection of books, and examination in the unwritten work.

Sec. 26. Every Deputy Grand Chancellor shall receive from the Grand Chancellor a commission under his seal defining his powers and duties therein, except the commission may say, "Such duties and powers as are granted by the Statutes of this Domain."

Sec. 27. Every person who may be appointed a Deputy Grand Chancellor, shall file with the Grand Chancellor a certificate from the Master of Finance, under the seal of his lodge, that all dues and assessments charged against him by his lodge to the end of the quarter during which he is appointed have been fully paid, and no commission shall issue to any such deputy until such certificate shall have been filed. This he shall also do at least ten days before the next semi-annual term; on his failure to do so the Grand Chancellor shall revoke his commission.

### Chapter 3.

#### COVERING THE HANDLING OF SUPPLIES FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES BY THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL

Sec. 28. It shall be the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at all times to keep himself provided with an adequate supply of all things necessary to the proper working of a Subordinate Lodge, which, by law, such lodges are bound to obtain only from him, so that such lodges shall not be hampered by his inability to promptly fill their orders.

Sec. 29. All forms and blanks shall be as prescribed by the Supreme Lodge, and this Grand Lodge from time to time, and none other shall be legal.

Sec. 30. The following shall and can be obtained only from the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, namely: Rituals, Installation Books, Odes, Membership Cards, Official Question Books, Orders on Master of Exchequer, Receipts from Master of Exchequer to Master of Finance, Second Rank Blanks, Service Books, Odes set to music in book form, Official Receipts, Memorial Service, Installation Service, Reports of Decisions to Supreme Tribunal, Diplomas, and Credentials of Rank and Honor, Grand Constitutions and Statutes, Application for Admission by Card, Applications for Initiation, all Official Jewels, and Lapel Buttons.

Sec. 31. Should any lodge or any individual member manufacture for itself or for its own use, or for the use of another, or obtain from any source than that specified in the preceding sections any of the supplies therein enumerated, said lodge or individual member shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Order, and punished as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 32. In case the offender is a lodge in this Grand Domain the Grand Chancellor, on being convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the commission of the offence, shall have power to suspend the Warrant or Charter of such lodge, for such length of time as he may deem proper.

Sec. 33. In case the offender is an individual member of the order, the Grand Chancellor, on being convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the commission of the offense, shall enter a complaint in writing against said individual for such offense before the lodge of which he is a member, and the Chancellor Commander shall thereupon proceed as in other cases where complaint is made against members for violation of the Pythian Law, and upon trial and conviction the penalty shall be suspension or expulsion from the Order, as the lodge may determine.

**Chapter 4.****AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF PERMISSION BY THE GRAND CHANCELLOR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES**

Sec. 34. Permission to make appeals for aid on behalf of the lodge, or of a member or members thereof by the lodge; appeals for aid by Grand Lodge or a lodge within another Domain, or by a member or members thereof, may be given by the Grand Chancellor to be issued, circulated or read in any lodge in this Domain, but no lodge shall permit any appeal for aid as above mentioned to be read at its convention unless the same shall bear the signature and Seal of the Grand Chancellor.

Sec. 35. The Grand Chancellor may on proper cause being shown grant permission to any resident of the Province of Alberta to become a member of a lodge in any other Domain, on payment to this Grand Lodge of the sum of five dollars.

**Chapter 5.****RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF THE FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE**

Sec. 36. Funds of the Grand Lodge shall not be applied to any purpose that is inconsistent with the principles and purposes of the order.

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**Title 2—Subordinate Lodges**

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**Chapter 1.****SUBORDINATE LODGES**

Sec. 37. No Subordinate Lodge can exist in this Grand Domain except by virtue of a Warrant issued by the Grand Chancellor, or a Charter issued by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 38. A lodge shall never consist of less than ten members.

**Chapter 2.**

N.B. Sec. 39. Every Subordinate Lodge shall hold conventions at least twice a month, unless a dispensation for holding their conventions less frequently shall be obtained from the Grand Chancellor.

Sec. 40. Special conventions may be called at the discretion of the Chancellor Commander, at a place subject to the approval of the Deputy Grand Chancellor; all members must be notified in writing not less than twenty-four hours before such convention, the notice to contain time and place of meeting, and the business for which it is called. No business shall be transacted except as was specified in the call. The Vice Chancellor shall likewise have power to call a special meeting, on the written application of six members of the lodge, showing that the Chancellor Commander is absent, or otherwise disqualified from discharging his duties.

Sec. 41. Seven members of a lodge, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 42. In the absence of the Chancellor Commander at the hour fixed by the by-laws for the convention of the lodge, or in case he is present and fails or refuses to call the lodge to order within fifteen minutes after that hour, if a quorum be present, the Vice Chancellor shall take the chair and perform for the time being the duties of the Chancellor Commander. If both of these officers shall be absent, or shall be present and fail or refuse to preside, the members present shall elect by a vote a presiding officer, voting first upon the Past Chancellors, and in the case of failing to secure a presiding officer among them, then upon the Knights. The person so elected to preside shall have, while in the chair, all the power and authority which is conferred by law upon the Chancellor Commander.

N.B.  
Sec. 43. Lodges shall transact all their business in the third rank, except the actual conferring of the first and second rank, or when proceeding with the trial of a Page or Esquire.

Sec. 44. Discussions of questions of a political or religious nature during a convention of a lodge are positively prohibited.

Sec. 45. The last order of business of a Subordinate Lodge shall be as follows: "The counting of the Rituals by the Master at Arms, and his report to the Chancellor Commander."

Sec. 46. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have an official Seal bearing its name, number, location, and date of institution, said seal shall be in custody of the Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require official attestations.

### Chapter 3.

#### OFFICERS

Sec. 47. The officers of the lodge and their duties shall be as prescribed in the Subordinate Lodge Ritual. A lodge may, in addition, elect such trustees as its by-laws may prescribe.

Sec. 48. Any Knight in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the lodge of which he is a member, but no member shall hold two offices simultaneously, provided that a lodge may by law prescribe that the duties of Master of Finance shall be performed by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

Sec. 49. The Ritualistic officers of a subordinate lodge shall be such as are prescribed in the Subordinate Lodge Ritual. Nominations therefor may be made at any time prior to the balloting for candidates, and such officers shall be separately elected by majority vote upon a written ballot. The official term of such officers shall continue for twelve months from the first day of January in each year, or until their successors shall have been elected and installed. "Vacancies in office by whatsoever cause produced" shall be filled by regular nominations and election by majority vote upon a written ballot, and all officers so elected shall be installed as required by Supreme Law, and shall be entitled to the Honors of the term.

Sec. 50. Except as herein provided, all officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be installed in the first stated convention of the term for which they are to serve: provided that all requirements of the Grand Lodge relative thereto have been complied with, and provided also that no such officer shall be installed unless he is in good standing and has fully paid to his lodge all dues and claims of whatsoever nature then accrued. If any officer elect be disqualified for installation, or shall be absent at the time designated for installation, the installing officer, unless such absence be excused by form of vote by the lodge, shall declare a vacancy in the office, which vacancy shall at once be filled by election. No officer shall assume the duties of his office until he has been regularly installed. Any officer elect who may be absent from the regular installation, and whose absence shall be excused by his lodge, may be installed at a subsequent convention at the convenience of his lodge and of the installing officer. Should the installation for any cause not be held at the convention herein designated, then it shall take place at the earliest convention thereafter which the convenience of the lodge, and of the installing officer will allow, but in such cases the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify all officers elect to be present at such convention. The installation of officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be by the authority of the Grand Lodge and shall be conducted by the Grand Chancellor, or by the Deputy Grand Chancellor of the lodge, or by a Past Chancellor especially appointed by such Deputy Grand Chancellor for that purpose, and only in the manner and form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge in the Installation Service established for Subordinate Lodges.

Sec. 51. If any officer is absent from four consecutive conventions, the Deputy Grand Chancellor shall declare his office vacant, unless he presents not later than the date of his last absence an excuse acceptable to the Deputy Grand Chancellor.

Sec. 52. If at any time complaint be made to the Deputy Grand Chancellor that the Chancellor Commander of any lodge under his supervision is neglecting his duties, the Deputy Grand Chancellor after investigating the charge, may notify the lodge in writing that he intends after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of such notice to declare the office of such Chancellor Commander vacant, unless within such date the lodge by a majority vote shall express its satisfaction with the manner in which such Chancellor Commander is performing his duties.

Sec. 53. Each Subordinate Lodge shall cause its Master of Exchequer, Master of Finance and Keeper of Records and Seal, to give bonds to the amount to be fixed by the lodge in some company approved by the Grand Chancellor, which bond shall be obtained through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the premium to be paid by the Subordinate Lodge.

#### Chapter 4.

#### COMMITTEES

N.B. Sec. 54. The Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, and Prelate, shall constitute (ex-officio) a committee of relief, whose duty it shall be to visit the sick and to perform such duties in connection with the relief of those in need of assistance as the by-laws of the lodge may prescribe.



N.B. Sec. 55. Immediately after his installation the Chancellor Commander shall appoint three members to constitute the committee on claims. This committee shall serve during the term, and shall audit all claims against the lodge.

N.B. Sec. 56. In every Subordinate Lodge there shall be a standing committee of three members appointed at the time of the installation of officers to serve for a period of six or twelve months, to be known as the committee on entertainment and instruction. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and manage lodge programmes, consisting of social entertainments, concerts, lectures, addresses, papers and debates on popular topics, the objects being to emphasize the teachings of the order, the responsibilities and duties of citizenship, and patriotic loyalty to our Government. S. S. 216.

N.B. Sec. 57. The Chancellor Commander of every Subordinate Lodge shall immediately after his installation, appoint three active members of the lodge to serve during his term of office, who shall constitute a committee on delinquent members, whose duty it shall be to personally interview each member whose name is on the list of delinquent members of the lodge and endeavor to persuade such member to pay his indebtedness to the lodge. At the same time and in like manner, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint three active members of the lodge to serve during his term of office who shall constitute the committee on inactive members whose duty it shall be to personally interview each member whose name is on the list of inactive members of the lodge, and endeavor to persuade him to pay his indebtedness to the lodge. The committees so appointed shall make their report at each regular convention of the lodge. S.S. 215.

Sec. 58. At the last convention of the term, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint a committee consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine the books and vouchers of the financial officers of the lodge, and make a written report thereon at the first convention of the new term.

## Chapter 5.

### MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 59. No Subordinate Lodge shall receive an application for the Ranks of Knighthood from any person, except a white male of good moral character, not less than eighteen years of age, a believer in the Supreme Being; in good health and sound in mind and body; who is not a professional gambler, saloon keeper, bartender, or dealer in spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, a believer in the maintenance of order and the upholding of the constituted authority in the government in which he lives, and a resident of the Province of Alberta for the past six months, who has not within that time been rejected as an applicant for the Rank of Knighthood. Every application for the Rank of Knighthood must be accompanied by at least one-third of the amount fixed by the by-laws of the lodge as the fee for said ranks, which shall not be less than \$25.00; \$5.00 of which shall be remitted to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for the use of the Grand Lodge immediately after the candidate has received the rank of

Page. Every one admitted to the Ranks of Knighthood, shall be given by the lodge conferring such rank, a copy of its by-laws and an official lapel button of the Order.

Sec. 60. Maimed persons shall not be eligible to make application for the Ranks of Knighthood, without a special dispensation from the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Lodge.

N.B.  
Sec. 61. Every application for the Ranks of Knighthood must be upon the blanks prescribed by the Supreme Statutes and furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Upon the reception of such application which shall be received only at the regular convention of the lodge, it shall be entered in the records and referred to an investigating committee of three members who have attained the Rank of Knight, none of whom shall have recommended the applicant; upon the reception of the report of the committee signed by at least two members thereof, which must be made if practicable, at the next regular convention of the lodge, the application shall be ballotted on by a secret ballot, provided that in towns or cities in which there are two or more lodges, each application shall lie over for two weeks before being ballotted on. Should all the balls be white the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood; should two or more black balls appear, the ballot shall be renewed immediately, and, if upon the second ballot all the balls be white but one, applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood, but if two or more be black he shall be declared rejected.

Sec. 62. An applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood who has been rejected, may renew his application at the expiration of six months from the date of rejection.

Balloting  
Sec. 63. When a ballot, either for membership or initiation, by card, or by reinstatement is about to be taken, the Chancellor Commander shall say: "Master at Arms, you will prepare the ballot".

(a) When prepared the Master at Arms will present the ballot box to the Chancellor Commander for inspection. When satisfied with the condition of the box, the Chancellor Commander shall deposit his ballot. The Chancellor Commander shall then say: "Master at Arms, you will deposit the ballot box on the altar and return to your station".

(b) The Chancellor Commander shall then say: "Brothers, the ballot is for the election or rejection of.....who is an applicant for membership by initiation, (or by card, or by reinstatement as the case may be). White balls elect and black balls reject. You will proceed to vote without giving any sign or salutation".

(c) At the proper time the Chancellor Commander shall say: "Have all the members voted?" and hearing no response, he will add: "The ballot is closed", and to the Master at Arms, the Chancellor Commander will say: "You will collect the ballot".

(d) The Master at Arms will then carry the ballot to the Prelate, who will inspect the ballot, and, if seven or more balls are found in the box, announce: "Chancellor Commander, the ballot is legal, and the applicant has been duly elected" (or 'rejected' as the case may be) but if less than seven balls are found in the box he will announce: "Chancellor Commander, the ballot is not legal".

(e) The ballot box shall then be carried by the Master at Arms to the Vice Chancellor, who, after inspecting it, shall announce whether the ballot is legal or not legal, and whether favorable to the applicant or unfavorable.

(f) The ballot box shall then be carried by the Master at Arms to the Chancellor Commander, who, after inspecting it shall announce: "The ballot is legal and I officially declare.....duly elected to membership in this lodge by initiation (or by card, or by reinstatement, as the case may be)" or less than seven balls appearing "The ballot is not legal, and therefore void. Master at Arms, you will prepare the ballot box (and having inspected it) place it on the altar. All members present are required to vote. You will proceed to do so." S. S. 226.

Sec. 64. It shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal to notify all lodges in the same town of the reception of applicants for the Ranks of Knighthood, and admission by cards, and of the election or rejection of candidates, within twenty-four hours thereafter; he shall also notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of all rejections of applicants for the Ranks of Knighthood, or admission by card, by the next mail, and at once return to the applicant the fee accompanying the application. In case of a protest offered by another lodge in the same town or city the further advancement of the applicant shall be deferred until an investigation be made and reported to said lodge making protest.

Sec. 65. One week must elapse before conferring of the ranks in all cases, except the first four conventions of the new lodge, or when a special dispensation shall have been granted. One week must invariably elapse between the reception of an application for the Rank of Knighthood, and the ballot thereon.

Sec. 66. No rank shall be conferred on any pretense whatever, unless the same shall have previously been paid for.

Sec. 67. An application for the Ranks of Knighthood, or admission by card, must be presented to the lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, unless he shall first have obtained the written consent of such lodge for him to make application to another lodge; provided that in towns where there are two or more lodges the applicant may make his own selection.

N.B.  
Sec. 63. A Subordinate Lodge may confer any of the ranks for another lodge, upon the request of such other lodge, under seal. The Subordinate Lodge which shall have conferred a rank in accordance with this section shall immediately notify the lodge which preferred the request therefor, of the date upon which such rank was conferred. Upon receipt of such notice, record thereof shall be made upon the books of the lodge receiving it. S.S. 231.

Sec. 69. Application for admission by card shall take the same course as application for the ranks of Knighthood. Such application, if rejected, shall not be renewed until six months have elapsed.

Sec. 70. No application for the Ranks of Knighthood, or admission by card, shall be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee, unless by consent of the lodge. The report of the committee, whether it be favorable or unfavorable, shall be invariably followed by a ballot.

Sec. 71. If, after the election of an applicant to receive the Ranks of Knighthood, and before either of such ranks have been conferred upon him, five or more members of the lodge in good standing and entitled to participate in a ballot on said applicant, shall file with the Chancellor Commander written objection to his admission, the Chancellor Commander without disclosing the names of the objectors, shall announce such objections in open lodge, and such announcement shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, whereupon the initiation of the candidate shall be stayed. S.S. 227.

Sec. 71A. Should the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them within four weeks thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered on the records of the lodge, and the stay of initiation shall be vacated, whereupon the candidate may receive the Ranks of Knighthood as if no objection had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, they shall operate as black balls and at the first convention after the expiration of such four weeks, Chancellor Commander shall declare the applicant rejected.

Sec. 71B. If similar objection to the advancement of a member who has not attained the rank of esquire or knight be filed, the Chancellor Commander shall make like announcement, which shall be entered on the records of the lodge and the advancement of the member shall be stayed. If the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them within four weeks thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered on the records of the lodge, and the stay of advancement shall be vacated, whereupon the member shall receive the Ranks of Knighthood not already attained as if no objection had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, then, after the expiration of such four weeks, and at the first regular convention of the lodge thereafter, a secret ball ballot shall be taken in the manner provided in this chapter, when, if the result be favorable, the member may be advanced as if no objection had been filed.

Sec. 71C. If the result of such ballot be unfavorable, all fees paid by the member for the ranks not already attained by him shall be returned at once, and his advancement shall be indefinitely stayed; provided that after six months from the date of such stay, the member if in good standing in the lodge may apply for advancement, accompanying his application with the amount of the fee then required by law, and such application shall be subject to investigation and ballot as provided in this chapter, when, if the result be favorable the stay shall be vacated, and the member shall receive the Ranks of Knighthood not already attained, as if no objection had been filed; but, if the ballot be unfavorable, the Chancellor Commander shall declare the member rejected for advancement, and no other application for advancement shall be received from such member until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

## Chapter 6.

### DUES AND BENEFITS

N.B. Sec. 72. Each lodge shall have the right to regulate the amount of its dues.

Sec. 73. Each lodge shall have the right to decide whether it will pay benefits to members desirous thereof, in which case it shall regulate

the amounts payable and receivable by such members, and the time and method of payment thereof.

### Chapter 7.

#### NON-PAYMENT OF DUES, ETC.

(Sup. Stat., 251)

Sec. 74. When a member of a Subordinate Lodge shall be in arrears for dues, fines and assessments in an amount equal to one year's dues, the Master of Finance, upon direction of the lodge so to do, shall notify him by sealed letter, bearing the return card of the Master of Finance of the lodge, mailed to his last known address, that unless such amount is paid within thirty days from the date of the notice, the charge of conduct unbecoming a Pythian Knight will be filed against him, and, after due trial thereon, if found guilty, he will be expelled from or indefinitely suspended from membership in the order, as the lodge may decide. Provided, that expulsion shall not be the penalty against members who fail to receive the notice prescribed therein.

Sec. 74A. The form of notice to be sent by the Master of Finance, as prescribed in Sec. 251, shall be as follows:

Castle Hall.....Lodge No.....Knights of Pythias.  
.....19...

Dear Brother .....

Failing to receive any response to my previous notice to you calling your attention to the amount you owe this lodge for dues, it becomes my duty at this time to notify you, that unless satisfactory settlement is made by you within thirty days from the date hereof, your name will be read to the lodge, and charges will be filed against you for conduct unbecoming a Pythian Knight in not paying the just debt you owe the lodge. A lodge trial will then be held, and if you are found guilty you will be either expelled from the Order, or indefinitely suspended. In either event you cannot regain membership until the debt you owe the lodge has been paid in full.

If you are temporarily embarrassed financially, then I urge upon you to let me know this fact at once, the lodge will be glad to extend the time for settlement, for we assuredly wish to give you every opportunity to retain your membership. If there is any other reason aside from inability to pay, that has caused you to let your dues remain unpaid, I urge you to consider the matter seriously before allowing this extreme action to be taken against you. Remember that Pythian vows are binding "even until death". Dissatisfaction with the manner in which lodge affairs have been conducted, or a personal grievance against any member, are not good reasons for violation of your own obligations to your lodge and to the order. The right method is to come to the officers and have the troubles "ironed out". That is true Pythian practice. If you are determined to leave the Order let me urge you to pay up in full and take an honorable withdrawal. You will then be in a position to reunite at any future time, with no stain on your record as a Pythian and a gentleman. Finally, please understand that this notice is sent because the Supreme Law makes it obligatory that I mail it; that the same kind of notice is sent to every delinquent member, by every lodge, and that you are not singled out, but



that every member more than one year in arrears must receive this same notice, and the lodge must take the same action if payment is not made.

Hoping you will receive this notification in the proper Pythian spirit, and that you will settle at once, or inform me of your inability to do so in order that no injustice may be done, I am, fraternally yours,

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St. Address.....

Sec. 74B. At the expiration of the thirty days mentioned in Sec. 251, the Master of Finance shall prefer written charges against the delinquent member or members, in the following form: "I hereby charge the brothers named below with conduct unbecoming a Pythian Knight, and violation of their obligation to the Order, through failure or refusal to pay their just dues to the lodge. The names and last known addresses and the amounts owing are as follows: (Give names, last known address and amounts owing by each individual)." The Chancellor Commander shall immediately direct the Keeper of Records and Seal, to send by registered mail to the last known address of such member or members, a copy of charges preferred, which notice shall be in the following form:

Brother.....

You are hereby notified, that at a regular convention of this lodge, held on this date, the following charges were preferred against you for conduct unbecoming a Pythian Knight, and violation of your obligation, through failure or refusal to pay your just dues to this lodge, which sum as claimed to be due by the Master of Finance is \$..... You are notified that the hearing on the charges will take place at the regular convention of the lodge to be held on the.....day of.....19... and that the lodge itself will act as the trial committee. Please appear in person, or by some brother to act as your representative, to make answer to the charges. Failure to appear, or to give good and sufficient reasons for such non-appearance, will be considered as admission of the truth of the charges preferred. Under the Supreme Law, conviction will result in expulsion from the order or indefinite suspension, as the lodge may decide.

Fraternally yours,

.....K. R. & S.

Dated.....19...

SEAL

Sec. 74C. On the date named in the foregoing notice, the charges preferred by the Master of Finance shall be read in open lodge, together with the amount claimed to be owing by the member named in the charge. Should the accused appear in person, or by representative, or file a written answer to the charges, the lodge shall give due and fraternal consideration to the same. After such consideration the Chancellor Commander shall have the law relative to trial, penalty and reinstatement read to the lodge, and shall then put to the lodge in the following manner, the question of the action to be taken: "Brothers, you have heard the charges preferred by the Master of Finance, and the answer thereto. Those who believe the charges have been sustained, will so indicate by the usual voting sign of the Order. Contrary, the same sign". If a majority of the members present and voting shall vote yes, the charges shall be sustained, and the delinquent member found guilty. The Chancellor Commander shall then

put the question of penalty to the lodge as follows: "The charges have been sustained and the delinquent member found guilty, the lodge will now fix the penalty. Those who favor the expulsion of Brother..... will so indicate by the usual voting sign of the order; contrary the same sign". If two-thirds of the members present and voting shall vote for expulsion, the Chancellor Commander shall so announce, and the member shall stand expelled. If two-thirds of the members present and voting do not vote for expulsion, then the Chancellor Commander shall put the question of indefinite suspension of the guilty member in the same manner as above provided for the vote of expulsion, and if two-thirds of the members present shall vote affirmatively, the member shall be suspended indefinitely, and the Keeper of Records and Seal shall make a complete record of the proceedings taken, and shall notify immediately such expelled or suspended member in the following form of the action taken:

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 You are hereby notified that at a regular convention of this lodge, held on this date, a lodge trial was held and you were found guilty of conduct unbecoming a Pythian Knight, and were (expelled or indefinitely suspended) from the lodge and from the Order. The amount you owe the lodge is \$..... Should you wish to again become a member, you must apply for reinstatement and accompany the application with a check for the full amount you owe, as stated above. Fraternally yours,

.....K. R. & S.

Dated.....19...

SEAL

Sec. 74D. A member expelled or indefinitely suspended from a Subordinate Lodge, after due trial as provided herein, shall have no claim upon the order, nor upon any lodge or a member thereof, for any Pythian right, privilege or benefit whatsoever, and cannot be charged with any dues, fines or assessments after the date of such expulsion or suspension.

Sec. 74E. A member expelled or suspended under the provision of this statute, may make application for reinstatement, in writing, and signed by himself. Such application shall be accompanied by an amount equal to the sum he owed his lodge at the time of his expulsion or suspension. It shall also give such information as is now required in form B, for application for reinstatement to membership as issued by the Supreme Lodge. The application shall be read in open lodge at a stated convention thereof, and referred to an investigating committee of three, as in the case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood. No action shall be taken on the same night that such application is received. Upon the report of the investigating committee on the application for reinstatement of an expelled member, such application shall be ballotted upon by secret ball ballot, as in the case of an applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood. Upon the report of the investigating committee upon the application of a suspended member for reinstatement, such application shall be ballotted on by secret ball ballot, as in the case of an applicant for the ranks of Knighthood, except, that, if two-thirds of the balls deposited upon such ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated, but should more than one-third of the balls be black, the ballot shall be renewed immediately. Should two-thirds or more of the balls deposited on the second ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated; but

should one-third of the balls be black, the applicant for reinstatement shall be declared rejected, and no further application for the reinstatement of the applicant so rejected shall be received by the lodge for the period of six months after the date of such rejection. Provided that any member suspended for non-payment of dues prior to Dec. 31st, 1920, may be reinstated in the lodge from which he was suspended, on payment of the fee as prescribed in the bylaws of the lodge, which fee shall be not less than the sum equal to the amount of one year's dues in his lodge at the time of his suspension.

Sec. 75. No subordinate lodge shall be chargeable or required to pay to the Grand Lodge the per capita tax upon an expelled or suspended member.

Sec. 76. All monies recovered or received from expelled or suspended members, who are reinstated, shall be turned into the exchequer of the lodge and become the property of the lodge.

### Chapter 8.

#### MEMBERSHIP CARD

Sec. 77. It is hereby made the duty of each Subordinate Lodge, to prepare on behalf of each member a membership card containing typewritten information showing the date and manner in which membership was attained in the lodge, said card to show membership record of the member, the dates when the Ranks of Knighthood were conferred, with information and dates relative to his expulsion, suspension, reinstatement, or transfer to the lodge, also the personal record of the member showing the place and date of birth, occupation, business and residence address, and the country of which he is a citizen. Each Subordinate Lodge shall carefully preserve such membership cards, in an envelope or jacket, alphabetically arranged, in an appropriate filing case or other depository, and shall also maintain and preserve a complete book record of each member containing the same membership and personal data as herein stated.

Sec. 78. Whenever the Ranks of Knighthood shall have been conferred upon an applicant his membership card shall be immediately filled out as provided in the preceding section and filed with other membership cards.

Sec. 79. The membership card for each member of the Order shall at all times remain in the custody and keeping of the Subordinate Lodge in which the member holds membership, save and except that upon his voluntary retirement or withdrawal from the Order, he shall be entitled to receive his membership card properly certified as to his withdrawal. The membership card cannot certify to the attainments of the honors of the Order. Whenever any member of the Order shall transfer his membership to a domain other than the one where he attained his honors, before he can be enrolled as of such honor in the domain to which he transfers, he must procure through the Grand Lodge, a certificate of honor certifying to such attainment.

Sec. 80. Whenever a member of the Order desires to transfer his membership to another lodge, he shall make application to said lodge, which application shall be investigated by the lodge to which he applies,

and if the applicant be elected to membership, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall immediately communicate with the lodge in which the applicant holds membership, and request that the applicant's membership card be forwarded. The lodge receiving such request shall, if the applicant is not under charges, immediately forward the membership card by registered mail to the Keeper of Records and Seal making the request, together with a statement of the applicant's account with the lodge as of the date when the request for membership card was made. Any indebtedness of the applicant to the lodge issuing the membership card shall be collected by the requesting lodge and immediately remitted to the lodge from which the applicant transfers. The applicant's membership in the lodge issuing the card shall terminate on the date when the card was requested and shall commence on the same date in the lodge making the request. There shall be no fee required for the issuance of a membership card.

Sec. 81. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, who may desire to withdraw from membership in the lodge and in the Order, may communicate in writing over his own signature and so advise the lodge of which he is a member. His communication shall be accompanied by the full amount of his arrearages, if any, to the lodge, as of the date of his communication, and his request shall be read in open lodge. If he is not under charges, the Chancellor Commander shall order the request granted, and immediately instruct the Keeper of Records and Seal to personally deliver to the applicant his membership card, or forward same by registered mail, as the case may be. A member who shall have thus permanently withdrawn from the Order shall be considered an ex-member, and shall have no claim whatsoever upon the lodge or the Order for any Pythian right or privilege, but he may at any time apply for membership in any lodge, and when so doing his membership card shall accompany his application. Upon his election to membership his membership card shall contain an entry of such election and immediately be filed with the membership card of the lodge to which he applies, and a record of his election made upon the books of the lodge. If his application be rejected his membership card shall be returned to him. The fee for membership by deposit or membership card shall be provided by the by-laws of the lodge to which he applies, such fee to accompany the application. Should the holder of a membership card having withdrawn from the Order as herein provided, commit an offense against the Order while in the possession of such card, he may be proceeded against as though the card had not been issued, and upon conviction of the offense, the card shall be annulled and revoked, and the holder so notified. Should a membership card issued in accordance with the provisions of this statute be lost, destroyed, mutilated or defaced, the lodge of issue, upon request, shall prepare and deliver a duplicate card to such member, provided that a mutilated or defaced card shall be returned to the lodge by the applicant when he makes request for a duplicate card.

Sec. 82. Whenever a member shall have been suspended for non-payment of arrearages, this fact shall be entered on record on the books of the lodge and also upon his membership card. The card shall be retained permanently by the lodge, and may be revived by his reinstatement, either for renewing and continuing active membership in the lodge, or for the purpose of transferring to another Lodge, or for voluntary with-

drawal from the Order, as the case may be. A suspended member desiring to be restored to active membership may apply to the lodge by which he was suspended, accompanying his application by the full amount of his arrearages to the lodge at the time of his suspension, or such other amount as shall be required by the by-laws of the lodge at the time he makes application. He may apply for reinstatement to any lodge, should it be his desire if reinstated to transfer to said lodge, whereupon the lodge to which he applies shall take the same procedure in securing his reinstatement, it being the declared intent and purpose of this section that no suspended member of the Order may be reinstated except by action of the lodge by which he was suspended.

Sec. 83. Upon the death of a member of any lodge it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal to enter that fact of record on the books of the lodge and also upon the membership card of the said deceased member. The lodge shall permanently file such card in the archives of deceased members.

Sec. 84. Whenever two or more Subordinate Lodges shall consolidate, the membership cards of the members of the consolidating lodges shall revert to and become the property of the consolidated lodge, which lodge shall cause the membership card of each member of the lodge, or lodges, consolidating, to bear evidence of the acquirement of such membership by consolidation, by proper entry on the filing form of the membership card and also upon the books of the lodge.

Sec. 85. Whenever a lodge becomes defunct, the membership cards of the members of such lodge immediately revert to and become the property of the Grand Lodge, and shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge, together with the books and other property belonging to the defunct lodge. In Grand Domains, where provision is made for state or home lodges, the membership cards of the defunct lodge shall be filed with the enrolled members of said "state" or "home" lodge as the statutes of the Grand Lodge may provide. If no such provision is required by the Grand Lodge, then the membership cards of the defunct lodge shall be carefully preserved by the Grand Lodge for subsequent use as occasion may require, such as the restoration of the charter of the defunct lodge, or for transfer of membership to some other subordinate lodge. A member of a defunct lodge who shall desire to renew active membership in the Order, by affiliation with another lodge, may apply to any subordinate lodge for membership therein, and said lodge shall immediately communicate with the Grand Lodge of the domain wherein his defunct lodge was located and procure his membership card. His application shall be accompanied by such amount as the Grand Lodge may require in order to place him in good standing where he would be entitled to active re-affiliation; provided that there shall be no fee for the issuance of the card.

Sec. 86. A former member of the order in possession of a withdrawal card, suspension certificate, Grand Lodge card, or Supreme Lodge card, may regain active membership by making application therefor to any lodge, accompanying his application with such card or certificate (and such fee as the by-laws of the lodge may require) and upon election to membership the Keeper of Records and Seal will at once make out and file his membership card.



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Chapter 9.

## MEMBERSHIP OF DEFUNCT LODGE

Sec. 87. For the purpose of protecting and preserving the membership of defunct lodges in this Grand Domain, there shall be established a provisional, or home lodge, to be known as "Provincial Lodge No. 001".

Sec. 88. Provincial Lodge No. 001, shall not have power to create membership by initiation, nor to acquire members in any other way, save by transfer thereto of members of defunct lodges. Whenever a subordinate lodge shall have become defunct, and its charter, books, and property, shall have been surrendered to the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to enter the names and members of such defunct lodge upon the records of Provincial Lodge No. 001, and to notify such members that such transfer has been made.

Sec. 89. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be ex-officio officers of Provincial Lodge No. 001. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chancellor to communicate the password of the Order to such members as are entitled to same, and to authorize the issuance of Grand Lodge cards, credentials of rank and honor to such members thereof as are entitled to same. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall conduct the necessary official correspondence with such members, collect dues, issue official receipts, keep accounts and pay over to the Grand Master of Exchequer, each month the moneys received by him on account of said lodge and the members thereof. He shall submit to the Grand Lodge at each regular convention, a report in detail as to the membership and finances of the lodge, and shall receive as compensation for such services, such amounts as the Grand Trustees may determine.

Sec. 90. The annual dues of the members of Provincial Lodge No. 001 shall be (\$4.00), payable semi-annually in advance. No expenditure on account of said lodge shall be made except on approval of the Grand Trustees. Membership in the said lodge may be terminated for cause, in the manner provided by law.

Sec. 90A. It is required that the members of Provincial Lodge No. 001 be shown by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal in his membership report to the Grand Lodge.

## Chapter 10.

## CHARGES AND TRIALS IN A SUBORDINATE LODGE

Sec. 91. Personal disputes, difficulties or grievances between members of the lodge may be specified in writing to the Chancellor Commander, who shall privately refer the matter for arbitration to a committee of three Past Chancellors. The committee shall hear the statements of both parties apart from each other, and after a full investigation of the matter, report its decision in writing to the Chancellor Commander to be communicated to the parties. Should the decision not be accepted as satisfactory to both parties the Chancellor Commander shall refer the whole matter to the lodge; whereupon a vote on the report of the committee shall be taken, without debate, and if said report shall be ratified by a two-thirds vote, it shall be considered final; if it be not so ratified, another committee shall

be appointed by the Chancellor Commander, and similar proceedings shall be had.

Sec. 92. Any member who shall allege a grievance against another which on being investigated as provided in the preceding section, shall be proved to the satisfaction of the committee to be false or malicious, or who shall refuse to abide by the decision of the lodge, as therein prescribed, shall be subject to charges and trial, as in case of other Pythian offenses.

Sec. 93. Whenever any member shall become aware of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter it shall be his duty, within one week thereafter, to prefer charges against the member guilty of such violation. The charges shall be in writing, explicitly stating the offense, and specifying the time and place thereof. They shall be presented to the Chancellor Commander, who, at the next convention of the lodge shall cause them to be read in open lodge without the name of the accuser, and entered in full on the records. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall within twenty-four hours after the close of the lodge, mail to the accused member or deliver to him in person a certified copy of the charges, and summons him to appear for trial at the second regular convention from that at which the charges were preferred. The depositing in the mail of such certified copy addressed to the accused member's last known place of residence shall be sufficient notice.

Sec. 94. Charges preferred against the Chancellor Commander shall be presented to the Vice-Chancellor, who shall perform all the duties of a Chancellor Commander which appertain to investigation and trial. If charges be preferred against the Keeper of Records and Seal, the Master of Exchequer shall perform such of the duties of the former office, as appertain to the investigation and trial.

Sec. 95. A member preferring charges shall, at the same time, furnish to the Chancellor Commander a list of the witnesses by whom the alleged acts may be established. These witnesses, as well as such as may be desired by the accused, shall be summoned by the Keeper of Records and Seal, in writing and under the seal of the lodge; and any witness so summoned who shall fail to attend at the time specified shall be held to be in contempt of the lodge, and subject to charges. The depositing in the mail of the summons, addressed to the witnesses' last known place of residence shall be of sufficient notice.

Sec. 96. In case any of the witnesses required are not members of the Order, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint a Past Chancellor to take their testimony. The accused shall have due notice of the time and place fixed for the taking of such testimony, which shall be reduced to writing, securely sealed and placed in charge of the Keeper of Records and Seal, who shall carefully retain it, and not allow it to be opened until the date of the trial. A certified copy from the records of any court of Canada or such portion thereof as is material to the investigation, shall be admitted as evidence on the trial, and a certified copy of a conviction shall be prima facie evidence against any member charged with a violation of the criminal code.

Sec. 97. It shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal within forty-eight hours after the close of the meeting at which charges have been preferred, to transmit a written notice to every member of the

lodge notifying him of the date of the trial and summoning him to be present.

Sec. 98. The accused shall have the right, at all times after the charges have been preferred, to the services of a member of the Order as counsel; and it is hereby declared to be the fraternal duty of any member who shall be selected by the accused as his counsel to accept the position. The Chancellor Commander shall appoint a competent member as counsel for the lodge who shall conduct the examination of witnesses before the lodge and have general charge of the prosecution.

Sec. 99. At the time fixed for the trial, if the accused fails to appear, in person, or by counsel, and no excuse for such non-appearance satisfactory to two-thirds of the members present be presented, he shall be held to be in contempt of the lodge, and the case shall be proceeded with *ex parte*. If the excuse be satisfactory or a postponement considered desirable on account of the absence of the witnesses, or for other sufficient cause, the trial may be postponed until the time fixed by a two-thirds vote; provided, that such postponement shall not be for a longer period than four weeks, and that no second postponement shall be had.

Sec. 100. If at trial be not postponed as above provided, the charge or charges shall be read in full by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and the accused required to plead to each. The witnesses having been pledged on their honor as Knights, shall then be examined according to the customary rules of evidence, but it shall not be competent to require any witness to retire while another is being examined. The accused shall be allowed to testify on his own behalf, before any other witness for the defense shall have testified.

Sec. 101. After the examination of witnesses shall have commenced, the lodge shall not be closed until the final conclusion shall have been reached, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present; but the examination of the witnesses for the prosecution may be closed at any stage of the investigation by a two-thirds vote.

Sec. 102. Immediately after the conclusion of the testimony the accused shall be required to retire to the ante room, and the charge or charges shall again be read. The lodge shall then proceed to vote on each charge preferred; and no member of the lodge shall under any circumstances be excused from voting. If none of the charges be sustained by a two-thirds vote the accused shall be declared acquitted and shall immediately be recalled from the ante room and so informed. If all or any of the charges be sustained by a two-thirds vote, the lodge shall immediately proceed to vote on the punishment to be inflicted, commencing with expulsion. If this be not sustained by a two-thirds vote, then suspension, fine and reprimand shall be voted on successively until one of them shall have been adopted by a two-thirds vote. A lodge, having found an accused member guilty, must inflict punishment, and, to this end, if a vote shall have been taken on all penalties named above, without the requisite vote in favor of either, the vote shall be taken again, commencing with expulsion, and continuing as before, until some one of the punishments shall have been decided on.

Sec. 103. If suspension or fine be decided on, a motion may be made to fix the length of time or the amount of the fine, and no amendments

thereto allowed, which shall be decided without debate, commencing with the longest time, or the largest amount. If none of the periods or the amounts suggested be agreed to, another motion subject to two amendments may be made; and the lodge shall proceed until the time of suspension or the amount of the fine shall have been agreed on by the majority vote.

Sec. 104. When the punishment shall have been decided upon, the accused shall be called from the ante room, and then the decision of the lodge communicated by the Chancellor Commander. If a reprimand has been voted, it shall be administered immediately by the Chancellor Commander.

Sec. 105. For the trial of a page, the lodge shall be opened in the first rank, and for the trial of an esquire the lodge shall be opened in the second rank.

Sec. 106. An acquittal in the manner prescribed in Section 102 of this Chapter shall be final and not subject to appeal, and the member shall not again be subjected to charges for the same offense, but a repetition of the offense will subject him to charges.

Sec. 107. If a member who is under suspension, either definite or indefinite, shall desire reinstatement prior to the expiration of such suspension, he may petition the Grand Chancellor for permission to apply for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was suspended for immediate reinstatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement, or may reduce the term of suspension, provided that at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken, and provided also, that not less than two-thirds of the members present, at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof.

Sec. 108. If a member who has been expelled shall desire reinstatement, he may petition the Grand Chancellor for permission to apply for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts on which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was expelled, for reinstatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement; provided that at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken, and provided also, that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof.

Sec. 109. All votes taken under the provision of this Chapter shall be by ballot.

Sec. 110. It shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal to notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of all suspensions and expulsions under the provisions of this Chapter after such penalty shall have been decided upon by the lodge.

**Chapter 11.****APPEALS**

Sec. 111. The right to appeal is guaranteed to every member of the Subordinate Lodge, from all rulings and decisions of the Chancellor Commander, the Lodge, the Deputy Grand Chancellor, or the Grand Chancellor, except the decision of acquitting an accused member.

Sec. 112. Appeals from the rulings of the Chancellor Commander must be to the lodge, and thence if desired to the Deputy Grand Chancellor, and the Grand Lodge; they must be taken and decided immediately so far as the action of the lodge is concerned.

Sec. 113. Appeals from the decision of the lodge must be to the Deputy Grand Chancellor, and thence, if so desired, to the Grand Chancellor, and to the Grand Lodge. They must be taken at the same or the succeeding convention and submitted in writing to the Deputy Grand Chancellor, who shall render his decision, in writing, at the convention immediately succeeding their reception.

Sec. 114. Appeals from the decision of the Deputy Grand Chancellor, must be to the Grand Chancellor, and thence, if desired, to the Grand Lodge. They must be taken within four weeks after the decision is rendered, and submitted in writing to the Grand Chancellor, who will render his decision in writing as soon as practicable. The Grand Chancellor shall submit to the next annual convention all appeals received by him within two weeks of the date of said convention.

Sec. 115. Appeals from the decision of the Grand Chancellor must be to the Grand Lodge, and must be filed in duplicate in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at least two weeks before the next annual convention of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 116. Appeals from the decision of the Grand Lodge must be to the Supreme Tribunal. Notice of such appeal must be given during the convention of the Grand Lodge at which the decision appealed from is rendered; and the rules of the Supreme Tribunal, in perfecting such appeal, must be strictly complied with.

Sec. 117. All appeals must be entered in the records, and all appeals from the decision of the Deputy Grand Chancellor, or the Grand Chancellor, must be accompanied by the certified transcript of all proceedings of the lodge appertaining thereto.

**Chapter 12.****SUBORDINATE LODGE BY-LAWS**

Sec. 118. Each Subordinate Lodge may enact such by-laws as may be considered necessary for its own government, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws of the Supreme Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge, but no by-laws or amendments thereto shall be valid until they shall have been submitted in duplicate and approved by the Grand Lodge, or by its Grand Chancellor and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, during its recess, except that amendments to by-laws concerning the amount of fees, dues



and benefits (provided they are not decreased below the constitutional minimum), order of business, rules of order, time of meeting, of finances, bonds, and salaries of officers, shall be in force without such approval, unless rescinded by the Grand Lodge, but no amendments shall be valid until a certified copy thereof shall have been filed in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

## Title 3.

### Chapter 1.

#### TO DEFINE OFFENSES AGAINST THE ORDER AND PRESCRIBE THE PENALTIES WHICH MAY BE INFLICTED THEREFOR

Sec. 119. Any member of the Order who shall violate any pledge contained in the obligations of any rank of Knighthood, or of the legislative rank which he may have received, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and shall be subject upon conviction thereof to expulsion from the Order, to suspension from the Order for an indefinite period, or for a definite period.

Sec. 120. Any member who shall violate any law in force in Canada or any of the rules of reputable society, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Knight, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion, and not otherwise, as may be determined by the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Lodge on being satisfied of his guilt. A certified copy of any Canadian court before whom the member has been convicted of an offense may be used at his trial, and shall be prima facie evidence of his guilt.

Sec. 121. Any member of the Order who shall defraud, or attempt to defraud the Grand Lodge, or a Subordinate Lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize the Grand Lodge, or Subordinate Lodge, or any officer or member thereof, will be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definitely or indefinitely, or by expulsion from the Order.

Sec. 122. Any member of the Order who shall neglect or refuse to obey the Supreme or Grand Law or any part thereof, or who shall neglect or refuse to obey any legal mandate or order of the Supreme or Grand Chancellor, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, definitely or indefinitely, or by expulsion.

Sec. 123. Any member of the Order who shall wilfully violate any law or by-law of this lodge, or who shall defraud or attempt to defraud such lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize such lodge or the Order, or any member thereof as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by fine, by suspension, either definitely or indefinitely, or by expulsion from the Order.

Sec. 124. Any member of the Order who shall neglect or refuse obedience to the laws enacted by this Grand Lodge, or to the legal mandates

of any officer thereof, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, suspension, either definite or indefinite, from the Order.

Sec. 125. Any member of the Order engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon keeper, bar-tender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by suspension, for a definite or indefinite period, or by expulsion.

Sec. 126. Any member violating any of the obligations, established principles, laws, rules or regulations of the Order, disregarding the requirements of the constitution and by-laws, disclosing the secret transactions of the lodge, divulging the name of a member who has reported unfavorably on an applicant, or opposed his becoming a member, feigning himself sick or disabled, practising or aiding in misrepresentation, false pretense or fraud, guilty of habitual drunkenness, gambling, immoral conduct, or criminal conduct of any kind; upon conviction of any such offense shall be punished by reprimand, suspension, definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

Sec. 127. Any officer of this Grand Lodge, or of any other lodge who shall be guilty of malfeasance in office, or of wilful neglect or refusal to promptly or faithfully discharge the duties of such office, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction may be moved from the office or suspended from the body in which he holds such membership, either definitely or indefinitely, or expelled from the Order, or from the body.

Sec. 128. Wilful failure to abide by, or perform any judgment, mandate or decree of the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Lodge by any party thereto, is hereby declared to be an offense against the Order, the penalty for which upon conviction shall be as follows:

- (1) If an officer or member of the Order, expulsion from the Order.
- (2) If a lodge, revocation of its charter.

Sec. 129. A member of the Order who for any cause whatever shall wilfully renounce the Order or obligations thereof, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof shall be expelled from the Order.

Sec. 130. For the purpose of trial and punishment the words "Member of the Order" as used in this Chapter shall be held to apply to ex-members of the Order, suspended members, and members under suspension for a cause other than non-payment of arrearages.

Sec. 131. No member of the Order shall at any time, while clothed in the uniform of the Order, or while wearing any jewel or rank of office in the Order, loiter about, frequent or knowingly enter any public bar devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, or any gambling house or any house or other place of notorious repute. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this Section shall be expelled from the Order.

Sec. 132. Should the Grand Chancellor become cognizant of any violation or infraction, direct or indirect, of the provisions of these statutes, or any of them, or of any infraction of the Supreme Laws, he shall formulate or cause to be formulated, the necessary complaints or charges against

such offender or offenders. If the offender be a lodge the charges shall be preferred in the Grand Lodge, and such lodge shall be subject to notice, summons and trial, as may be provided for other violations of the Grand Law by lodges, and if adjudged guilty it shall be subject to the penalty provided in this statute.

(A). If the offender or offenders be individual members, or officers of the Order affiliated or non-affiliated, the Grand Chancellor shall file the complaint of charges in the lodge with which they are connected, and shall order the trial of the offenders or offender in the manner provided for other violations of the Supreme and Grand Law, and in case of convictions the accused shall be subject to penalties provided in these statutes.

(B). In case a lodge shall refuse to hear and try the charges so preferred by the Grand Chancellor, he shall at once suspend the warrant or charter of such lodge.

(C). If the lodge shall after the trial fail or refuse to convict a member against whom such complaint and charges have been filed, any member thereof, or the Grand Chancellor may, in his discretion, appeal to the Grand Lodge. If upon final hearing the offender or offenders be convicted of the offenses charged, and the lodge shall still fail or refuse to inflict the penalty prescribed by this statute and ordered to be imposed by the tribunal or final hearing in the case, the Grand Chancellor of this Domain shall at once suspend the warrant or the charter of such lodge, provided that should a majority of the members of such lodge prior to the next convention of the Grand Lodge petition the Grand Chancellor for permission to rescind the action upon which suspension was based, he may authorize such lodge to take the action proposed in the petition, and upon compliance by such lodge with the order or judgment made in the case he shall revoke his order suspending the warrant or charter of such lodge.

(D). When the warrant or charter of a lodge is suspended under paragraphs "B" and "C" of this Section the Grand Chancellor shall at once prefer charges in the Grand Lodge, setting forth the offense which is charged and for the alleged commission of which the suspension was ordered, specifying the time, place, and other material circumstances, and file said charges in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. A copy of said charges shall be sent by the said Grand Keeper of Records and Seal by registered mail, to the Chancellor Commander of such lodge together with a summons requiring the lodge to appear before the Grand Lodge at a named time and place to answer said charges. If upon hearing the evidence produced by the parties respectively, the Grand Lodge shall find the lodge guilty of the offense charged, the penalty shall be revocation of its warrant or charter, or the further suspension thereof for such time as the Grand Lodge may determine.

(E). If the said charges be not sustained the order of suspension theretofore made by the Grand Chancellor shall stand revoked.

Sec. 133. Any member of the lodge who shall endorse the application of any person for membership knowing that such applicant has made any false statement of facts therein, or who endorses any application for membership knowing the applicant by reason of his business or occupation is not entitled to become a member, or being a member of an investi-

gating committee, shall with knowledge that the business or occupation of the applicant disqualifies him for membership, sign a favorable report on the application of such person, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

Sec. 134. In all trials arising under this statute the Grand Chancellor may designate any Knight or Knights in good standing to represent him as solicitor or counsel in the prosecution of such complaint or charges, and such solicitor or counsel shall be and is hereby empowered to perform any act or thing usually done or performed by solicitors as such, which may be necessary to the conduct of said trial and to the full and final hearing of all the facts, pleadings and issues. All evidence taken on such trial shall be reduced to writing and entered in the records of the trial body.

Sec. 135. Nothing in this statute shall be construed to prevent a member of the Order in good standing, other than the Grand Chancellor from commencing and prosecuting complaints and charges herein enumerated.

## Title 4.

### Chapter 1.

#### CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENTS OF STATUTES

Sec. 136. Whenever any question shall arise in a lodge as to the construction of any provisions of the grand statutes, the same shall be referred to the Deputy Grand Chancellor of the lodge for decision, subject to an appeal to the Grand Chancellor. Deputy Grand Chancellors shall not give official decisions unless the subject is referred to them by resolution of the lodge. All decisions of the Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be entered in the minutes.

Sec. 137. No alteration or amendments of these statutes shall be made unless written notice thereof be given at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge previous to being acted upon, and then to be concurred in by a vote of two-thirds of the representatives present, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent a suspension of the rule by a vote of four-fifths of the representatives present, provided also, that no representative or member of this Grand Lodge shall offer any amendment of these grand statutes unless directed by his lodge under its seal, and properly attested, or by consent of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge in convention assembled.

Approved:

W. I. TAYLOR,  
Grand Chancellor.

L. A. PARRY,  
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

July 27th, 1922.

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